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SUBJECT: HONDURAS/EL SALVADOR DISPUTE

1. DURING CALL ON CEN OFFICERS JANUARY 3, NICARAGUA
AMB. SEVILLA SACASA INFORMED THAT, DURING HIS HOLIDAY
VISIT TO MANAGUA, HONDURAN FONMIN BATRES HAD FLOWN DOWN
BY PLANE TO HOLD AIRPORT DISCUSSION ON DISPUTE WITH
EL SALVADOR.* BATRES REITERATED HONDURAN POSITION THEN
ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT ON MEXICAN NEGOTIATIONS
TO OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN AS HAD SALVADORAN DELEGATE
GALINDO POHL. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OAS COMMITTEE
MEMBERS, SEVILLA INFORMED BATRES THAT COMMITTEE OF SEVEN
WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HIM ON JAN. 10.

2. SEVILLA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GEN. SOMOZA HAD
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TENTATIVE AGREEMENT FROM ALL CA PRESIDENTS TO MEET
SOMETIME BETWEEN JAN 20 AND JAN 30 TO DISCUSS EL
SALVADOR/HONDURAS PROBLEM.

HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT EFFORTS OF OTHER CA PRESIDENTS AND
THOSE OF COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WOULD PERSUADE BOTH COUNTRIES
TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH BATRES
ON JAN. 10, SEVILLA WILL CONSULT WITH US TO DETERMINE
DESIRABLE NEXT STEPS. MUCH WILL DEPEND, OF COURSE, ON

BATRES' PRESENTATION AND OUTCOME OF CHIEFS-OF-STATE
MEETING. SEVILLA MUSED THAT, IF EL SALVADOR DESIRES
POSTPONEMENT UNTIL AFTER MARCH ELECTIONS, IT WILL HAVE
TO CONVINCE COMMITTEE AS WELL AS HONDURANS THAT IT IS
ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND NOT JUST SEEKING PRETEXT TO
DRAG OUT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FOR HONDURAS: BOWDLER HOPES BATRES WILL FIND IT
CONVENIENT TO LUNCH WITH HIM DURING HIS UPCOMING
WASHINGTON VISIT. IF AGREEABLE PLEASE CABLE MOST
CONVENIENT DATE.

4. FOR NICARAGUA: PAST SUMMIT MEETINGS HAVE EVOKED
HELPFUL STATEMENTS OF INTENTIONS BY THE TWO PARTIES TO
SOLVE THE BOUNDARY PROBLEM WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF
THE OVERALL SETTLEMENT; BUT, AS FAR AS WE ARE INFORMED,
THE PARTICIPANTS AT THESE MEETINGS HAVE NOT FOCUSED ON
THE SPECIFICS OF THE UNRESOLVED BORDER AREAS AND THE
PRECISE MECHANISM ON REACHING AGREEMENT. HENCH THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED AT JALAPA ON NOVEMBER 6
QUICKLY EVAPORATED WHEN SPECIFIC ISSUES WERE ADDRESSED
AT MEXICO.

FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SALVADORAN AND HONDURAN
REPRESENTATIONS DURING RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION
THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE BORDER ISSUE AT
ANTIGUA DURING THE MID-1972 BILATERAL TALKS (PRIOR TO
THE ACCESSION TO POWER OF EITHER MOLINA OR LOPEZ)
BROUGHT THE TWO PARTIES CLOSER TOGETHER THAN AT ANY
OTHER TIME. IF LOPEZ AND MOLINA WOULD AGREE TO FOCUS
THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE NEXT SUMMIT MEETING ON THE
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SPECIFICS OF THE BORDER PROBLEM USING THE ANTIGUA
AGREEMENTS AS THE STARTING POINT, PERHAPS THE GROUND
LOST SINCE 1972 COULD BE REGAINED AND SOME SOLID
AGREEMENT ACHIEVED.

REQUEST AMBASSADOR DISCUSS THIS BACKGROUND WITH SOMOZA

TO SEE WHETHER HE, TOGETHER WITH ARANA AND FIGUERES,
COULD PRSUADE LOPEZ AND MOLINA TO COME TO THE NEXT
SUMMIT MEETING PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS AS OUT-
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